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From: <Karemill@aol.com>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 2/14/97 11:06pm
Subject: ADDED CHARGES BY COMMON CARRIERS FOR INTERNET USAGE

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

THE PHONE COMPANIES SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO CHARGE A BY-THE-MINUTE RATE FOR INTERNET USAGE. MOST PEOPLE WITH AN ONLINE SERVICE HAVE HAD TO ADD ANOTHER PHONE LINE TO THEIR HOMES TO ACCOMMODATE THEIR SERVICE. THE PHONE COMPANIES ARE RECEIVING EXTRA MONEY FOR THIS SERVICE. NOT ONLY THAT, BUT THE INTERNET IS A GREAT SOURCE OF INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS OF ALL AGES AND SHOULD BE KEPT ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL PEOPLE. THE PHONE COMPANIES DO NOT CHARGE A BY MINUTE RATE FOR ANY OTHER LOCAL CALL SO THEY SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO PLACE A FEE ON INTERNET USE. I, MYSELF, ONLY PUT A PHONE IN MY HOUSE IN ORDER TO ACCESS THE WWW. THE INFORMATION HELPS BOTH MYSELF AND MY CHILDREN WITH SCHOOLWORK. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW EXTRA CHARGES. THIS WILL ONLY HURT THE CHILDREN'S EDUCATION.

THANK YOU
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From: Ryan McCullough <rymak@earthlink.net>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 2/17/97 7:00pm
Subject: response to ACTA

I received this address from a commentary section of Freetel's homepage regarding ACTA and their petition. Although I'm sure that "Freetel" and others like them are really more concerned about making a buck than whether or not the "government is getting too big" or that the FCC is getting power hungry, I think some good points were made and I want to voice my opinion about this whole mess.

Remember the Boston Tea Party? Why wasn't there an organization against people who wish too dress like Indians and throw crates of tea into harbors?

Health insurance, Auto insurance, long distance communications and a tons of other markets have gotten out of hand and gone haywire no thanks to the government's "well intended" interventions.

To your most recent attempts to once again squash the little guy, I say
"hands off" Uncle Sam! - take a history class or too and try to recall some of the premises this nation was founded on!

Carl Jason Ragsdale

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From: John D. O'Brien <obriens@echo.sound.net>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 2/16/97 5:31pm
Subject: Additonal Fees comments

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Re: Local Access charges to Internet Service providers

The attempt by local telephone companies to charge subscribers for access to Internet Service providers, seems to come at a time when many of the same phone companies are themselves, starting to also provide access to the Internet.

I, as well as many other Internet users, have two telephone lines to more conveniently access my Internet provider without interrupting the regular phone line to our home.

If this attempt by local phone companies succeeds, then most of us will have absolutely not reason to maintain two telephone lines.

I/We would cancel the second phone line.

Additionally, the extra services which I/we have on our regular home phone would have to be cancelled. I'm speaking of the services such as "Call-Waiting", Call-Forwarding etc.

Obviously, this is going to result in a great deal of revenue loss to these phone companies. Someone should inform the phone companies of this possibility.

Besides the above, these charges will result in the loss of business for many Internet providers and put enough financial stress on them to effectively put them out of business.

The end result will be the demise of a great world-wide communication tool and will set back by years the advances made in the last few years.

I personally can handle the Internet accesses because I have many years of experience with its tools. I would revert to using UUCP as would many others and we would teach many others how to use this access method. --

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[] Itazuke Tower, this is AF 801 [Former Itazuke H.S Students]
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|=| | John O'Brien

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From: <KVETKUSCO@aol.com>
To: A20.A20(kwerbach)
Date: 2/16/97 11:45pm
Subject: Rulemaking 8775

Federal Communications Commission
Office of Secretary

Dear Mr. Werbach,

I wonder that the railroad companies didn't seek federal agencies to limit the development of the automobile since this would affect their operations in providing transport to passengers and supplies. Missing this they perhaps should have sought remedy from the companies that utilized the technologies that evolved from the work of the Wright brothers. Certainly the interest of the public, and the country, lies in the continued development of new technologies and media for communication. I notice that the "petitioners" concede that the potential of the Internet has yet to be fully realized. So they could not predict this new development and now feel threatened. These same petitioners already are compensated for the lines and equipment telephone users must employ. Long distance carriers spend millions to advertise that their service is cheaper than another carrier. Now a truly less expensive possibility evolves and they appeal to the FCC to inhibit it.

After considerable resistance, Edison gave up manufacturing cylinders and turned to plastic discs for recording music. The marketplace demanded this change. Even the genius of Menlo Park was wrong. Now we have CD's. Frankly I hope the FCC will tell the ACTA members to stop whining and hop aboard the new vehicle to the future.

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From: Robert T. Voigt <rvoigt@ghg.net>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 2/15/97 4:00pm
Subject: CC Docket No 96-263

I have been told that you are considering requiring Internet providers to charge based on connect time (per minute usage). I am STRONGLY AGAINST this. I use a small independent internet provider that gives me a fixed rate for monthly usage. I chose this after trying the large commercial companies who provided poor service and high costs.

Please don't interfere with this valid (and to the taxpayer, VALUABLE) competition.

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